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DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE LUSAKA-BASED ECA MULTINATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND OPERATIONAL CENTRE (MULPOC) FOR PERIOD 1984 - 1985

1. The MULPOC Policy Organs have over the years incorporated new areas of economic activities in the Lusaka MULPOC Work Programme in the light of the experiences gained. To this end, the Sixth Meetings of the Lusaka-based MULPOC Policy Organs which were held in Mbabane, Kingdom of Swaziland from 7 - 16 February, 1983 added to the above list, projects in the field of:

(i) Natutal Resources Development, and

(ii) Pan African Documentation and Information System (PADIS).

2. The Sixth Meeting of the Council of Ministers and the Committee of Officials therefore decided that the draft Work Programme and priorities for the period 1983 - 1984 should be as follows:

I. TRADE PROMOTION
II. AGRICULTURE
III. INDUSTRY
IV. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
V. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND SOCIAL SERVICES
VI. NATURAL RESOURCES
VII. PADIS
VIII. SPECIAL PROJECTS

3. In view of the on-going nature and the importance of the projects which are contained in the Lusaka MULPOC Work Programme for the period 1983 - 1984, most of the projects will be carried forward to 1984/85. In this connexion, the proposed draft Work Programme for the Lusaka MULPOC for the period 1984 - 1985 will be as indicated below.

I. TRADE PROMOTION

1. Co-ordination of efforts and measures towards the establishment of an Agricultural Commodity Exchange.

2. Co-ordination of the establishment of the subregional Export Promotion Training Programme.

3. Preparation of reports on the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action in the field of trade and finance within the Lusaka MULPOC area.

4. Assistance to the PTA Secretariat by providing backstopping services.

II. AGRICULTURE

1. Follow up, monitor and assist the member States in the establishment of a Maize Research Centre.

2. Monitoring the implementation of AFPLAN at country and sub-regional levels.

3. Establishment of a mechanism for the Prevention of Food Losses:

   (a) Monitoring activities relating to prevention of food losses with PTA, SADCC, FAO and other relevant regional and international organizations;

   (b) Monitoring information from member States regarding national plans and programmes for the prevention of food losses within the framework of a coherent strategy of agricultural development compatible with declared objectives.

4. An indept study on Agricultural Policies within the subregion on developing pricing and marketing institutions with special reference to small scale farmers.

5. Animal Diseases Control and Livestock Development:

   Monitoring the activities relating to the production of FMD vaccine in Botswana, rabies vaccine in Mozambique and the Development of Slaughter House Personnel Training Centre in Botswana.

III. INDUSTRY

Iron and Steel

1. Monitoring information on the rehabilitation, expansion, modernization and diversification programmes on the existing iron and steel facilities in the member States of the subregion.

2. Preparation of supply/demand estimates on iron and steel products from Ziscosteel in Zimbabwe for the member States.

3. Monitoring information and progress on bilateral negotiations between Zimbabwe and member States regarding the purchase of Ziscosteel products.

4. Preparation of a Report on Subregional Programme of action and Collaboration in iron and steel industry in Eastern and Southern Africa.

5. Consultations with Angola and Mozambique regarding sponge iron projects and equity participation by member States in the subregion, a mission has to be mounted.

6. Consultations with Ziscosteel regarding technical assistance to member States.

7. Backstopping the activities of the PTA Secretariat.

Engineering

1. Studies on current investment laws and incentives for the industrial sector and case studies to be carried out in order to find out how benefit can be derived from the experiences of the member States.

2. Consultations with member States regarding the full and effective utilization of existing agricultural hand tools, implements and machinery manufacturing establishments through supply and purchase arrangements.

3. Rationalization of issues pertinent to the development of identical on-going subregional projects.

4. Consultation with member States regarding the exchange of designs.

5. Consultations with member States regarding promotion and development of engineering core industries at national and multinational levels.

6. Preparation of preliminary studies on integrated and interlinked development of tractor and transport industry.

7. Consultations with member States on series of studies on standardization of engineering products, with specific emphasis on agricultural tools, implements and equipment.

8. Initiation of activities leading to the exchange of technical personnel.

9. Rationalization of industrial goods (both inputs and final) to be traded under Rules of Origin of the PTA.

Chemicals

1. Establishment of a data bank of raw materials and production facilities.

2. Monitoring of rehabilitation and expansion programmes of the phosphoric acid and phosphate plants in Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

3. Establishment of multinational companies with particular emphasis on potash project (Ethiopia) and ammonia project (Tanzania).

4. Identification and establishment of location(s) for Subregional Centre(s) for the manufacture of active ingredients of pesticides and pharmaceuticals.

5. Identification and establishment of multinational training centres:

   (a) Educational and training institutions for highly qualified staff,

   (b) Chemical laboratories and workshops for technicians.

IV. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Establishment of national shipper's council and freight booking bureaux.

2. Establishment of a multinational shipping company in conjunction with the PTA.

3. Monitor and backstop the study on navigability and types of vessels to be used on Zambezi, Kafue, Kabompo and Luangwa Rivers.

4. Development of joined inland water transport.

5. Maritime training in the subregion and prefeasibility study for the establishment of subregional Maritime Academy.

6. Monitoring of the utilization of the Bandari College, Mombasa, by the member States.

7. Initiate a study on the coordination and synchronization of the flight schedules in the subregion in conjunction with PTA/SADCC.

V. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Implementation of Integrated Regional Training, Research and Advisory Programme for the Conservation and Management of African Wildlife.

2. Finalization of the establishment of the Subregional Graduate School of Business Management.

3. Finalization of the establishment of the African Institute for Higher Technical Training and Research.

4. Assistance to the National Cartographic Institutions in meeting their requirements.

5. Training in customs administration: an inventory of Customs Personnel currently operating in the subregion, their skill profiles and level of training.

6. Training of Manpower in the field of Standardization and Quality Control: an inventory of the existing manpower stock in the field of standardization and quality control with an indication of the various profiles and qualification levels.

7. Monitoring and assisting in the development of Institutional Capability for Manpower Planning in the subregion.

8. Monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the ECA/OAU Joint Conference of Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and Rectors of Higher Institutions of Learning on their role in implementing the Lagos Plan of Action.

Integration of Women in Development

Some activities that have been initiated in 1983 will be brought forward to 1984, as such, the Work Programme will include the following activities:

1. Consultancy service on National Machinery for Integration of Women in Development for Swaziland.

2. Study on the role of women in agriculture and rural development in Angola and on women under Apartheid.

3. Tripartite Review Meeting to evaluate the MULPOC Women's Programme.

4. Needs assessment missions (four countries) and consultations at ECA.

5. Survey on the participation of women in income-generating activities, including access to training in business administration and management (as an input into 1985 workshop on the subject in one country).

6. Subregional workshop and/or study tour on the role of women in agriculture and rural development.

7. Study on the situation of out-of-school girls (Francophone countries).

VI. NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Monitor progress on the implementation of the Arusha Conference Recommendations on the Development and Utilization of mineral resources in Africa and of a Subregional Committee on Mineral resources development.

2. Monitor the activities in the field of mineral resources development within the SADCC member States.

3. Assistance to Uganda Government to seek bilateral aid to re-establish its Geodetic Network and rehabilitate its other cartographic infrastructures.

4. Assistance to the Government of Mozambique in manpower needs in the field of cartography.

VII. PAN AFRICAN DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (PADIS)

1. Assistance to member States in the establishment of national centres of PADIS.

2. Assistance in the establishment of the Eastern and Southern African Documentation System (ESADIS).

VIII. SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Assistance to the Liberation Movements.

2. Assist and monitor the implementation of studies on economic sanctions against South Africa and Economic Development Strategy for Post-Apartheid South Africa.

3. Assistance to SALC in the implementation of its programmes.